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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 65-69 to read as follows:

65. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising at least a portion of SEQ ID NO:113, wherein said portion is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:554, 558 and 562.

66. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising at least a portion of a sequence having at least 90% identity to the entirety of SEQ ID NO:113, wherein the polynucleotide is over-expressed in prostate tissue compared to all other normal tissues.

67. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 66, wherein the portion is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:554, 558, 562, 566 and 573.

68. A vector comprising a polynucleotide sequence according to any one of claims 65-67.

69. A host cell comprising a vector according to claim 68.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 9 is a schematic representation of the P501S protein (SEQ ID NO:113) showing the location of transmembrane domains and predicted intracellular and extracellular domains (SEQ ID NO:552-575).

Attached is a page entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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